

February 7, 2003

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Ms. Salas:

Recently the Federal Communications Commission received an application from SBC Pacific Bell to permit Michigan consumers and businesses to benefit from open telecommunications competition.

We wish to inform you that we of the Michigan Business and Professional Association and the Michigan Food and Beverage Association, representing more than 21,000 businesses who employ more than 160,000 persons, strongly encourage you to approve the SBC Pacific Bell's filing.

By approving the SBC Pacific Bell's filing, we will be able to bring lower competitive pricing to the Michigan market and permit small businesses in particular to be able to benefit and help them to survive. I know that our many members want to see these increased benefits and reduced prices as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering our letter of support and again we urge you to approve the SBC Pacific Bell's filing.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Deeb
President